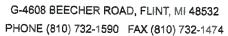


GENESEE COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE

JEFFREY WRIGHT







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The Honorable Amanda Price Chairperson Local Government Committee Michigan House of Representatives

Dear Representative Price:

I would like to express my support of H.B. 4622, which is scheduled to appear in front of your Committee on Local Government October 3rd. The passage of this legislation is of great importance to the residents of this state.

H.B. 4622 would allow Drain Commissioners of each county the ability to make additions and deletions to drainage district boundaries. These revisions are critical since many drainage boundaries were established more than 100 years ago, and no longer accurately reflect current drainage patterns. As a result, Drain Commissioners are many times legally prevented from levying assessments on the appropriate property owners who benefit from their respective drain.

The legislation before you would allow a practical and accurate solution to this issue, while allowing property owners to have appropriate input and appeal processes. During my years of Drain Commissioner in Genesee County I can personally attest that this is one of the most frustrating issues that I have encountered, specifically because we have no legal recourse within the law to address these mistakes. Not only would this legislation lessen government bureaucracy, it would also give local governments more flexibility to best care for their residents.

I respectfully ask that you support H.B. 4622, and stand willing to speak to you to answer any questions you may have regarding this issue.

Jeff Wright

Regards

Drain Commissioner Genesee County

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